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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)	Case No. 2:23-cr-00302-JAM
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Plaintiff,)	
)	STIPULATION AND ORDER TO
vs.)	CONTINUE STATUS CONFERENCE
)	
SOVAN LENG,)	
)	Date: January 23, 2024
Defendant.)	Time: 9:00 a.m.
)	Judge: John A. Mendez

IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED by and between Phillip A. Talbert, United States Attorney, through Assistant United States Attorney Alstyn Bennett, attorney for Plaintiff and Federal Defender Heather E. Williams through Assistant Federal Defender Mia Crager, attorney for Sovan Leng that the status conference, currently scheduled for January 23, 2024, be continued to March 12, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

Defense counsel needs more time to review discovery and discuss it with her client. Counsel for defendant believes that failure to grant the above-requested continuance would deny counsel the reasonable time necessary for effective preparation, taking into account the exercise of due diligence, as well as continuity of counsel.

Based upon the foregoing, the parties agree time under the Speedy Trial Act should be excluded of this order's date through and including March 12, 2024; pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §3161 (h)(7)(A) and (B)(iv)[reasonable time to prepare] and General Order 479, Local Code T4

1 based upon continuity of counsel and defense preparation and continuity of counsel.

2 Counsel and the defendant also agree that the ends of justice served by the Court granting
3 this continuance outweigh the best interests of the public and the defendant in a speedy trial.

4 Respectfully submitted,

5 Dated: January 17, 2024

HEATHER E. WILLIAMS
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7 /s/ Mia Crager
MIA CRAGER
8 Assistant Federal Defender
9 Attorney for Defendant
SOVAN LENG

10 Dated: January 17, 2024

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12 /s/ Alstyn Bennett
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13 Assistant U.S. Attorney
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ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, the Court, having received, read, and considered the parties' stipulation, and good cause appearing therefore, **ADOPTS** the parties' stipulation in its entirety as its order. The Court specifically finds the failure to grant a continuance in this case would deny counsel reasonable time necessary for effective preparation, taking into account the exercise of due diligence, as well as continuity of counsel. The Court finds the ends of justice are served by granting the requested continuance and outweigh the best interests of the public and defendant in a speedy trial.

The Court orders the time from the date the parties stipulated, up to and including March 12, 2024, shall be excluded from computation of time within which the trial of this case must be commenced under the Speedy Trial Act, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(A) and(B)(iv) [reasonable time for counsel to prepare] and General Order 479, (Local Code T4). It is further ordered the January 23, 2024 status conference shall be **CONTINUED** until **March 12, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.**

Dated: January 18, 2024

/s/ John A. Mendez

THE HONORABLE JOHN A. MENDEZ
SENIOR UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE